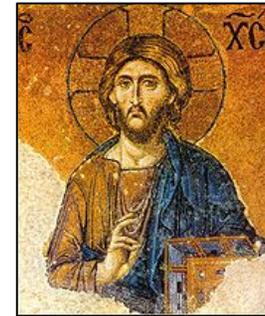




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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Cleopas and Artemas of the 70 Holy Apostles (1<sup>st</sup> cent.); Holy Martyrs Zenobios, Presbyter and his sister Zenobia (+285); and Joseph, Patriarch of Constantinople. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### **Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!**

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of services. *You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!*

*Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.*

### **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE**

#### **1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

#### **3. Hymn for the Feast of Saints Zenobios & Zenobia – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

#### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

#### **5. Kontakion – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

## **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

*The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.* – St. John Chrysostom

### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 20:11-18)**

*“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)**

<sup>31</sup>The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. <sup>32</sup>In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup>but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. <sup>12</sup>It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that

*such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.<sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.<sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,<sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.<sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,<sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 16:19-31)**

*Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him*

to my father's house — 28 for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'”

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

*(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

“Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.” *(Psalm 37:8)*



### *Hands of Love: October*

*“For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land.” (Deut. 15:11)*



We will be collecting **non-perishable food** items for  
**The Loaves and Fishes Program**

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The **Loaves and Fishes Program** is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor twice daily with two hot meals. Also, they have a monthly distribution of sacks of groceries to individuals. All the Orthodox Churches of the city of Atlanta, with the blessing of Metropolitan Alexios, support the feeding of the poor and homeless of Atlanta through the food program at St. John's Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Churches supply the program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers.

For more information, please visit <http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org/>

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who donated to One Roof in August. We collected 73 pair of new underwear/socks, 36 school supply items, 15 pair of shoes, 18 food items, 5 towels, bed rail, 12 toothbrushes, and 7 shirts.

Kim Poolos  
Hands of Love Coordinator



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### Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions"*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

**Order Deadline: November 10, 2016**

	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 18.00	\$
<b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Melomakarona:</b> cookies with olive oil, walnuts and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookie 		\$ 8.00	\$
<b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia		\$ 20.00	\$
<b>Pastitsio:</b> luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$35.00 12"x9" pan	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

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## PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

*“I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave Me to do. So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.” (John 17:4-5)*

With these two verses, Jesus confirmed He had done everything God had instructed Him to do. Imagine . . . finishing your mission at the young age of 33 years! But *isn't that what Jesus did?* Often, we do not view “obedience” as a means of giving God glory. Instead, we look at powerful testimonies or hymns of praise as more fitting means to give God glory.

As your Pastor, I encourage you to consider leading someone to Christ as a worthy example of giving God glory. In so doing, never forget that it is in the *simple* yet difficult, *everyday* as well as heroic, *intentional* acts of obedience that we offer to God that enable us to bring Him glory! Obedience is worship *incarnate* – worship coming to life in *our* flesh. Rather than viewing *obedience* as a difficult and sometimes harsh undertaking, may we consider it as our unique means of praising God!

With our Lord Jesus Christ as our Guide, consider how He was obedient in His heart to all our Heavenly Father’s desires and instructions. While we sometimes falter and fail in our own *obedience*, let us daily ask God to forgive us, and to open our hearts to recognize that we offer Him glory when we obey Him, and when we seek His will. *Amen!*



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And on this 630<sup>th</sup> Sunday of our St. Christopher’s parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!



**October 25, 2016... 13 years after we formed, we're still celebrating Divine Liturgy (like the photos above show). Now, we have a name... **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**, a permanent location (our Ebenezer Road property which we own outright), and plans underway to fund and build on it. **Glory to God!****

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, October 30 (Fifth Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service                      9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
10:45 am Religious Education Classes (for all ages)      11:45 a.m. Let's EAT!

Thursday, November 3: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, November 5: 9:00 a.m. Baklava, Melomakarona, Kourambiethes, & Koulourakia Preparation for Fall Pastry Sale      \*Move clocks back tonight!

Sunday, November 6 (Seventh Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service                      9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
10:45 am Religious Education Classes (for all ages)  
11:45 am Parish Council Meeting                      1:30 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

*Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!*